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Patent application of: ROTHSCILD, Max F., et al.

For: GENETIC MARKERS FOR IMPROVED MEAT CHARACTERISTICS IN ANIMALS
(MC4R),

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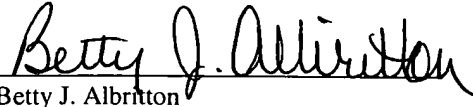
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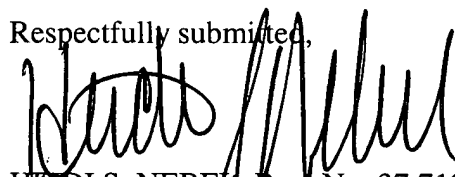

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